



MORAGA ADOBE NEWS

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The Fandango a Success



We are very pleased to report that our first major public fundraiser, the Fandango event in September, was an unqualified success. We would like to again thank all of our guests, performers and volunteers who worked to make the even run so smoothly.

The event took place on a cool summer evening on September 13, 2014 at the Buehler House. The Buehler House is a hidden architectural gem in Orinda designed by legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The doors to the Usonian-style house were open to several rounds of tours inside the house. The tours were lead by award winning architect Arthur Dyson of Fresno, who apprenticed directly under Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West. Later in the evening the house served as a backdrop for the entertainment. Music and performances by Hanna Abruzzo, the Generations in Jazz Combo, Gabriel

Financial News

2014 has been a very productive year financially for the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, and we are thankful to have such a supportive community. Our total fundraising to date is now almost \$90,000. Our Fandango netted us over \$7,000 after expenses, and was a solid contribution towards our fundraising for the year. Combined with grants and generous private donations, we have raised around \$70,000 in 2014 alone. This is a great push

Angelo, and Beile Folklorico de San Panchos filled the air as guests indulged on tapas and cervezas. Sam Van Zandt did a stunning job emceeing the evening.

The 3.25 acre landscaped grounds proved equally as amazing as the Mid-century Modernist house. Frank Lloyd Wright also designed the earthworks of the grounds; while, Henry Matsutani, the master gardener who redesigned the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, spent over 40 years curating the gardens for the Buehlers. Guests were treated with garden tours of the traditional Shin Garden style. Patrons walked over bridges, through dry creek beds, meandering paths, past terracotta warriors and ending at the Japanese tea house at the far side of the property. At the tea house a duo from Los Arribeños de San Francisco, Lance Beeson and Marilyn Merlino, greeted guests with authentic Californio rancho music. Lance Beeson, a direct descendent of the Moragas, also shared stories about his family. Their lovely serenade went on through the night at the top of the estate. One begins to imagine if this was how the Moragas spent their summer evenings at the Adobe.

towards acquiring and restoring the Adobe and creating the planned museum and learning center to preserve Lamorinda and California history. Our overall fundraising goal is one million dollars, \$500,000 of which will be used for the acquisition and restoration of the Adobe, and the remainder will go towards outfitting the history and learning center and establishment of an operating and maintenance fund.



Orinda Recognizes Our Efforts

The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe received the Mayor's Award for Excellence in 2014 from the City of Orinda on December 2nd. Mayor Severson awarded the foundation for its work towards the preservation of the Joaquin Moraga and advocating its historical significance to the city of Orinda.



(From right to left, Orinda Mayor Sue Severson with FJMA members Bobbie Landers, SB Master, Tania de Groot, Kelly Gilmore, and Holly Burke)

Save the Date: Fundraising Event



Mark your calendars for Sunday March 22, 2015. We will be hosting a cooking class fundraiser featuring the culinary skills of Charlie Vollmar, Orinda chef and founder/owner of the Epicurean Exchange. The theme, Hands-On Rancho Cooking and Dinner, will have limited spaces and is guaranteed to fill up.

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